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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on January 22, 2003, its representative and a representative of CompTel member Conversent Communications met with Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. In our meeting, CompTel and Conversent explained the ways in which both retail and wholesale competitive carriers are impaired in their ability to provide telecommunications services to their customers without access to dark fiber as a UNE. The points raised by CompTel and Conversent were consistent with both parties' existing filings on the record in this proceeding.

Representing Conversent Communications was Thomas Jones of Wilkie Farr & Gallagher. Representing CompTel in this meeting was the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

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